

IN THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims is as follows:

1. [Currently amended] A method for creating a place type from which new places are created in collaboration space, comprising the steps of:

creating a first place including a configuration specifying members and their respective roles, a data structure including at least one room form and included page form, ~~aesthetics~~, and at least one skin group for a team project;

rendering said first place as ~~[[a]]~~ an existing place;

responsive to user command, saving said existing place as a place type from which other places are to be created with said configuration in said collaboration space; ~~[[and]]~~

rendering a ~~second place~~ new place as a copy of said place type, said ~~second place~~ new place being a fully functioning collaborative space including members with specific roles, data structure including folders and rooms and ~~aesthetics~~ created by said place type from said existing place;

responsive to place manager selection:

selectively preventing changes to look and feel of said new place by not presenting decorate options

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23 in said place type;

24 selectively displaying a description of said place
25 type;

26 displaying source information for said place type,
27 including name and address of collaboration space
28 place on which said place type is based;

29 selectively hiding and redisplaying names and
30 descriptions of place types in a list of available
31 place types created by place type authors and
32 transportable among a plurality of servers;

33 selectively [[update]] updating said new place
34 created using said place type when said place type
35 changes; and

36 selectively copying said place type from a server
37 on which said place type was created to another
38 server.

1 2. [Previously presented] The method of claim 1, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 responsive to a user selecting an action from a browser
4 user interface for creating a place in collaboration
5 space, displaying a list of custom place types;

6 receiving from said user a name of a custom place type
7 from said list, together with a name for a new place,
8 user name and password; and

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9 responsive to verification of said user as authorized
10 by user name and password, creating a new place from
11 said custom place type.

1 3. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 organizing said collaboration space according to an
4 object model selectively including place, room, folder,
5 page, member, form, field, place type, room type, skin,
6 and placebot objects.

1 4. [Original] The method of claim 3, said place type
2 being implemented as a directory within said room type.

1 5. [Previously presented] The method of claim 1, further
2 comprising the step of:

3 manipulating functionality provided by said place type
4 to customize said collaboration space by integrating
5 external technology.

1 6. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 granting authority to an authorized user to access said
4 place type and create a new place from said place type;
5 and

6 responsive to a request from said authorized user,
7 modifying said new place.

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1 7. [Previously presented] The method of claim 1, further
2 comprising the step of:

3 responsive to creation of said place type from said
4 first place, using said place type as a custom place
5 type for creating said other places having the format,
6 look and feel of said first place.

1 8. [Original] The method of claim 7, further comprising
2 the step of:

3 including membership, forms, placebots and skins
4 defining a collaboration space place within said place
5 type.

1 9. [Previously presented] The method of claim 6, further
2 comprising the step of:

3 responsive to a "what's new" request entered by a user,
4 displaying at said browser changes made to said place
5 type.

1 10. [Previously presented] The method of claim 6, further
2 comprising the step of:

3 updating said new place created using said place type
4 when said place type is modified.

1 11. [Currently amended] A method for creating a plurality
2 of place types from which new places ~~may be~~ are to be
3 created in collaboration space, comprising the steps of:

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4 creating a first place;

5 rendering said first place in collaboration space;

6 saving said ~~first place~~ first place as a place type;

7 creating a new place as a copy of said place type, said

8 new place being a fully functioning collaborative

9 space;

10 rendering said new place in collaboration space; and

11 responsive to place manager selection:

12 selectively preventing changes to look and feel of said

13 new place by not presenting decorate options in said

14 place type;

15 selectively displaying a description of said place

16 type;

17 displaying source information for said place type,

18 including name and address of collaboration space place

19 on which said place type is based;

20 selectively hiding and redisplaying names and

21 descriptions of place types in a list of available

22 place types created by place type authors and

23 transportable among a plurality of servers;

24 ~~selectively update~~ selectively updating said new place

25 created using said place type when said place type

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26 changes; and
27 selectively copying said place type from a server on
28 which said place type was created to another server.

1 12. [Currently amended] A system for creating a place type
2 from which new places are to be created in collaboration
3 space comprising:

4 a first place;

5 said first place including a configuration of
6 membership, at least one room form and included page
7 form, and at least one skin group for a team project;

8 said skin group defining a page read display mode, a
9 page edit display mode, a folder list and response
10 display mode, and a folder headline display mode;

11 said place type created responsive to user command from
12 a preexisting first place; each said new place created
13 as a copy of said place type and having said
14 configuration within said collaboration space as a
15 fully functioning collaborative space including members
16 with specific roles, data structure including folders
17 and rooms, ~~and aesthetics~~ copied from said first place;

18 means responsive to place manager selection for:

19 selectively preventing changes to look and feel of
20 said new place by not presenting decorate options

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21 in said place type;

22 selectively displaying a description of said place

23 type;

24 displaying source information for said place type

25 including name and address of collaboration space

26 place on which said place type is based;

27 selectively hiding and redisplaying names and

28 descriptions of place types in a list of available

29 place types created by place type authors and

30 transportable ~~among plurality~~ among a plurality of

31 servers;

32 ~~selectively update~~ selectively updating said new

33 place created using said place type when said

34 place type changes; and

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36 selectively copying said place type from a server

37 on which said place type was created to another

38 server.

1 13. [Previously presented] The system of claim 12, said

2 collaboration space being organized according to an object

3 model including place, room, folder, page, member, form,

4 field, place type, room type, skin, and placebot objects.

1 14. [Previously presented] The system of claim 12, further

2 comprising:

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3 a browser for manipulating functionality provided by
4 said place type.

1 15. [Previously presented] The system of claim 13, further
2 comprising:

3 a browser for manipulating functionality provided by
4 said place type to customize said collaboration space
5 by integrating external technology.

1 16. [Previously presented] The system of claim 13, said
2 place type being a directory containing all rooms comprising
3 said place type.

1 17. [Previously presented] The system of claim 16, said
2 place type including membership, forms, placebots and skins.

1 18. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable
2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for creating
4 a place type from which new places are created in
5 ~~collaboration space~~ collaboration space, said method steps
6 comprising:

7 creating a first place including a configuration of
8 members and their respective roles, and a data
9 structure including at least one room form and included
10 page form, and at least one skin group for a team
11 project;

12 rendering said first place as an existing place;

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13 responsive to user command, creating from said existing
14 place a place type specifying collaborative space
15 characteristics including a members list and roles,
16 data structure, ~~and aesthetics~~ of said first place; and

17 creating as a copy of said place type a new place as a
18 fully functioning collaboration including said
19 configuration of members and their respective roles and
20 said data structures;

21 responsive to place manager selection:

22 selectively preventing changes to look and feel of
23 said new place by not presenting decorate options
24 in said place type;

25 selectively displaying a description of said place
26 type;

27 displaying source information for said place type
28 including name and address of collaboration space
29 place on which said place type is based;

30 selectively hiding and redisplaying names and
31 descriptions of place types in a list of available
32 place types created by place type authors and
33 transportable among a plurality of servers;

34 selectively updating said new place created using
35 said place type when said place type changes; and

36 selectively copying said place type from a server

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37 on which said place type was created to another
38 server.

1 19. [Previously presented] The program storage device of
2 claim 18, said method steps further comprising:

3 responsive to a user selecting an action from a browser
4 user interface for creating a place in collaboration
5 space, displaying a list of custom place types;

6 receiving from said user a name of a custom place type
7 from said list, together with a name for a new place,
8 user name and password; and

9 responsive to verification of said user as authorized
10 by user name and password, creating a new place from
11 said custom place type as a fully functioning
12 collaboration space thereafter usable without reference
13 to said custom place type.

20. [Canceled]

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